

Hearses in Delhi

5442 SHRI MADAN LAL KHURAMA-
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) the number of hearses available in Delhi, hospital-wise and cremation ground-wise,

(b) whether the Government hearses in Delhi are adequate to meet the needs of the people,

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard,

(d) whether the private transports are plying in on the deed and are exploiting/fleeing the people in distress, and

(e) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Development in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a) There are total 24 hearses available in Government hospitals/ local bodies in Delhi. Out of these 16 are attached with Municipal Corporation of Delhi, 11 of them are parked on Nigam Bodd Ghat, one each at Electric Crematorium, Subash Nagar, Punjabi Bagh, Sat Nagar and Punchkuian Road Cremation Grounds

(b) and (c) The fleet is augmented as and when considered necessary

(d) and (e) The Government have no such information

[Translation]

Rake Points in Uttar Pradesh

5443 DR LAL BAHADUR RAWAL Will

the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the present number of full and half rake points in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Uttar Pradesh Government have requested the Union Government to increase the number of these points, and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN) (a) Full rake points

BG = 107

MG = 34

Half rake points

BG = 24

MG = 9

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise

Bogus Reservation

5444 SHRI YASHWANTRAOPATIL
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of cases of bogus reservations and sale of fake tickets detected in Delhi and Bombay during last one year, and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN) (a) 1271 cases in Delhi and 1344 cases in Bombay area regarding bogus reservations were detected during 1991. No case of fake tickets was detected in Delhi area, however, in Bombay area 107 second class fake tickets were confiscated during 1991.

(b) Surprise checks & raids are conducted by the Vigilance Organisations of all Zonal Railways including Vigilance (Special Squad) of Railway Board throughout the country to curb such mal-practices. Under the Railways Act, 1989, the punishment for touts and also passengers who travel on unauthorised tickets has been substantially increased.

- (ii) Public are educated/exhorted through Press, Television, Posters, etc. not to buy tickets from unauthorised sources.
- (iii) Special concerted drives to check malpractices in the reservation of tickets are also undertaken at least twice a year during summer rush, holidays and during Durga Pooja/Dussehra/Diwali periods.
- (iv) The penalty (fine) for passengers who travel on tickets purchased in fictitious or in the name of other persons, has likewise, been increased from Rs 250/- to Rs 500/-.
- (v) Checks are conducted in trains to detect passengers travelling on tickets purchased in fictitious names and they are treated as ticketless passengers.

[English]

Recruitment of Employees

5445. SHRISHRAVANKUMAR PATEL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to curtail the recruitment of employees in railways in different categories,

(b) if so, the category-wise details thereof,

(c) the saving in administrative expenditure sought to be achieved as a result thereof, and

(d) the reasons for taking such decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN) (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such decision for blanket curtailment has been taken. However, direct recruitment only in the categories of Office Clerks in scale Rs 950-1500 and Senior Clerks in scale Rs 1200-2040 has been curtailed by 25% and Accounts Clerks in scale Rs 950-1500 and Junior Accounts Assistances in scale Rs 1200-2040 curtailed by 20% for the next two years.

(c) The relative saving in administrative expenditure is very small as compared to total cost of staff of Indian Railways.

(d) Because of series of measures adopted by Railways in regard to modernisation of offices, introduction of modern gadgets like Photocopying machines, electronic typewriters, computerisation activities, etc. it was felt that there is scope to reduce clerical strength.

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5446. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state